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City of Newport Beach, CA  
**City Manager's Newsletter**

**TO:** Mayor Henn & Council Members  
**FROM:** Dave Kiff, City Manager  
**DATE:** November 18, 2011

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Please enjoy the attached newsletters...



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
From: Kimberly Brandt, Community Development Director  
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter  
Date: November 18, 2011

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### **Planning Division**

#### ***Newport Banning Ranch DEIR Public Comment Period Ends***

The 60-day public review and comment period for the Newport Banning Ranch Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) ended on November 7, 2011. Over 160 sets of comments were submitted by government agencies, community and interest groups, and individuals. It is worth noting that the majority of comments were submitted via e-mail rather than by regular mail or facsimile.

City staff and the City's environmental consultant will prepare detailed responses to the comments received. The comments and responses will be incorporated into the Final EIR, which will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council early next year.

#### ***Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) Updates***

##### **Lido Village CAP**

The Lido Village Citizens Advisory Panel held the last of their five public meetings on October 27, 2011, regarding the development of architectural and landscape design guidelines for the Lido Village area. The committee members received an update of the comments and input received from the October 6<sup>th</sup> CAP meeting/community open house and also from the October 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting. The committee members also provided their input on final revisions regarding the following six topic areas: study areas, architectural styles, enforceability and incentives, plant materials/palette, pedestrian accessibility, and public landscape images. Staff appreciates the service and input of the committee members in preparing the Draft Design Guidelines.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Committee also reviewed the latest draft of the Lido Village Design Guidelines at their November 10, 2011, meeting and will review the final draft of the Design Guidelines on December 15, 2011.

### Balboa Village CAP

The Balboa Village CAP met on October 26, 2011, November 3, 2011, and November 15, 2011. The November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting focused on summarizing the CAP process for the commercial property owners in the area and receiving their input. The other two meetings included discussions on the Project 2000 recommendations, the priority goals and objectives of the CAP, a brand promise, public safety, and parking. An end goal of the CAP is to have an implementation plan for the area with specific action items to accomplish. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2011, at the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be the economic analysis in process and an in depth discussion of parking.

### Corona del Mar Entry CAP

The Corona del Mar Entry CAP met on November 16, 2011, to further review General Plan and environmental implications of altering the section of East Coast Highway to the west of Avocado Avenue. The CAP decided upon a basic framework for the lane drop that would not have an implication on the General Plan or the County of Orange Master Plan of highways. Initial input was provided regarding the aesthetic design of the extended sidewalk areas including examples of streetscapes from Santa Barbara, San Clemente, and Palo Alto. The next meeting is scheduled at the Oasis Senior Center on December 21, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on further discussions on the design with assistance of a landscape architect.

### West Newport Landscaping CAP

The West Newport Landscaping CAP met on November 9, 2011, to review a well-developed concept plan for Balboa Boulevard, West Coast Highway, and Superior Avenue. Landscape architects from David Volz Design presented the conceptual plan for Balboa Boulevard and received positive feedback from the Committee as well as from members of the public. The Committee unanimously approved the conceptual design for Balboa Boulevard and continued the other two stretches within the scope of work to the next meeting for discussion and recommendation. The next meeting will be held at City Hall in the Fire Conference Room on December 14, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

### Santa Ana Heights Landscaping CAP

The Santa Ana Heights Landscaping CAP held its last meeting on August 17, 2011, and feedback suggested support for the incorporation of landscaping elements for other projects in Santa Ana Heights as well as architectural features and entry monument signage. The committee members felt enough direction was given to the landscape architect to warrant a conceptual design and the CAP was concluded. The conceptual plan was presented at the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee (NRC) meeting on November 10, 2011, and the NRC decided further information was necessary before making a recommendation to City Council. The Santa Ana Heights Landscaping conceptual design will be presented again at the next scheduled NRC meeting which will take place on December 15, 2011, at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

## **Building Division**

### ***Update on 650 Newport Center Drive***

The new high-rise structure currently under construction at 650 Newport Center Drive is progressing at full speed. Pictured below are both the new parking structure and the office tower, which are being built concurrently.



***Building Division staff performing daily inspections at the project sites.***

## **Code Enforcement Division**

### ***Public Outreach***

As the new Code Enforcement Officer for the Balboa Peninsula, Ashlee Kendall is meeting with the property management companies that handle short and long term vacation rentals on the Peninsula. Over the years, the Code Enforcement Division has partnered with property managers to address concerns involving trash, noise, water quality, property preservation, and other issues related to rental properties. As a result of this partnership, it has facilitated the

Code Enforcement staff to quickly resolve property maintenance concerns and to keep the Balboa Peninsula clean and inviting to all of the residents and visitors alike.

***Water Quality***

This past week, Code Enforcement staff, building inspectors, and the Public Works water quality team started inspecting construction sites throughout the City as required by the City's water quality permit. The City of Newport Beach is subject to the requirements set forth by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board regarding the use, installation, and maintenance of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent pollutants associated with construction activities from impacting storm water runoff, particularly during the wet season.

During a construction site inspection, staff ensures that BMPs such as sandbags and construction site fences are installed and in good condition. Staff anticipates conducting over one thousand inspections during the wet season.



## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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November 18, 2011

**TO:** DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** Tracy McCraner, Finance Director/Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

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### **WEBINAR TRAINING AND CONFERENCE UPDATE**

#### *Financing Sustainability Webinar*

Revenue attended the Financing Sustainability: State Funding, Resources and Tools Webinar on October 18, presented by the Institute for Local Government (ILG). The speakers, Steve Sanders (ILG), Dana Papke Waters (California Air Resources Board), Heather Fargo (Strategic Growth Council) and Wendy Hartment (Yuba County Community Development & Services Agency) discussed how best to promote climate action best practices.

The Webinar included information about:

- the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC), an alliance to help cities and counties reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- the Beacon Award, which recognizes cities and counties that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability;
- the Sustainable Communities Learning Network (SCLN) – a forum to help local officials and staff share information and resources to support the development of communities that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable;
- planning grants for local and regional governments to conduct sustainable planning; and
- Strategic Growth Council's priority considerations in awarding grants to cities and counties.

Waters demonstrated the online Funding Wizard, an online public clearinghouse of financial incentives offered to just about everybody, including local government, individuals, businesses and nonprofits, to reduce the impacts of climate change and support sustainable communities. This easy-to-use searchable database is located at: [www.coolcalifornia.org/funding-wizard-home](http://www.coolcalifornia.org/funding-wizard-home).

### *AIMS User Conference*

Revenue staff attended the AIMS User Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from November 9-11. The City uses AIMS (Automated Issuance/Management System) to manage and process parking and administrative citations, and parking permits. At the conference, AIMS developers rolled out new functions to the software's permits and citation management tools and reports. These new functions include permit reassignments, permit type corrections and increased flexibility in user permissions. In addition, reporting updates had been added, so running different types of reports to track permits and citations, and to identify trends, is now easier than ever. The conference also launched AIMS Web +8.1, AIMS' online navigation tool. AIMS Web +8.1 will streamline citation and permit management for CNB staff and customers alike.

An AIMS conference highlight was Fiscal Specialist Caryl Bryant's presentation on the use of AIMS for administration citation processing. Newport Beach is at the forefront in its use of AIMS for the management of non-parking citations. Caryl gave a highly insightful and very informative presentation, demonstrating Newport Beach's success in using AIMS for administrative citations, as well as offering suggestions to the AIMS developers as to what updates would be most effective to make AIMS even better.

**NO SECOND WEDNESDAY TRAINING IN DECEMBER**



**Newport Beach Fire Department  
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: November 18, 2011  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Mike Morgan, Fire Chief  
**SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**

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**Fire Department Assists Distressed Boaters**

At approximately 2:35pm on Saturday, November 5, Newport Beach Lifeguards and Firefighters responded to a 28-foot sailboat being swept into the surf line, and finally aground at "P" Street, near the Wedge. Three occupants were aboard the boat and were safely rescued during this incident.

Prior to the incident, the sailboat was cruising close to the shoreline. The boat experienced engine trouble and drifted in towards shore. As it came towards shore, it entered the surf line, which had consistent 3-5 foot high waves. Newport Lifeguards responded to the scene and assisted the individuals safely to the beach, just before a set of waves thrashed the boat in the shore break.

Once on shore, the men were all assessed by Newport Beach Lifeguards and Firefighter Paramedics. One of the individuals was treated for mild hypothermia, but did not require transport to the hospital.

Once the individuals were safe, Lifeguards secured a tow line to the bow of the grounded boat and swam it to a responding Orange County Sheriffs Harbor Patrol boat. The Harbor Patrol boat then pulled the sailboat off the beach, where the boat was pumped-out and towed into the Harbor.

**Firefighters Battle House Fire**

On Wednesday, November 9, at approximately 5:26am, the Newport Beach Fire Department responded to a residential structure fire at a home on Port Albans Place. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and contain the fire damage to the single home. No one was injured in this incident.

The fire was reported to 9-1-1 by a neighbor on Port Cardigan, who saw smoke and flames coming from the home on Port Albans. The neighbor happened to be a Newport Beach CERT member, so he acted as he was trained and called 9-1-1 and alerted neighbors of the fire.



First arriving firefighters discovered heavy smoke and flames coming from the roof. Firefighters entered the home and found fire in the attic with heavy smoke starting to fill the home. Firefighters did a thorough search of the home and found no occupants inside. Firefighters accessed the roof and ventilated the home to prevent the fire from spreading into the living spaces. Ceilings were pulled down by interior crews and the fire was extinguished.

The fire caused extensive damage to the structure, especially in the roof and attic area. Fire and smoke damage also occurred to the interior surfaces, including water damage from the firefighting effort. The home had been under renovation and a family was due to move in before Thanksgiving.

### **Firefighters Demonstrate Cooking Skills at Bloomingdales**

The Newport Beach Firefighter Association demonstrated their cooking skills at Bloomingdale's in Fashion Island on Friday, November 11, at 1:00pm.

Firefighters shared their cooking secrets and safety tips with those in attendance. Pictured at right are Firefighter Paramedic Andy Janis, and Fire Captain Tom Lloy.



### **Cooking Safety Tips**

- Have a fire extinguisher available not more than 10 feet from the stove, and know how to use it.
- Start cooking with a clean stove and oven.
- Keep the kitchen off-limits to young children and adults that are not helping with food preparations to lessen the possibility of kitchen mishaps.
- When cooking, do not wear clothing with loose sleeves or dangling jewelry. The clothing can catch on fire and the jewelry can catch on pot handles, causing spills and burns.
- Cook on the back burners when possible and turn pot handles in so they don't extend over the edge of the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
- Never leave cooking unattended. If you must leave the kitchen while cooking, turn off the stove.

### **Via Oporto Vault Fire**

On Sunday, November 13, at approximately 11:42am, firefighters responded to an electrical vault fire on Via Oporto at Via Lido. A Farmer's Market was occurring at the time of the incident and was temporarily evacuated.

The incident was reported to 9-1-1 by a person at the Farmer's Market, who heard an exploding sound coming from a manhole. When firefighters arrived on scene they found an electrical vault that was smoking due to a fire in the vault. Firefighters quickly evacuated Via Oporto between El Centro and Via Lido and awaited Southern California Edison's crews to respond. Power in the area was temporarily out, including power to City Hall and the Lido Fire Station.

Approximately 50 people were evacuated from the area. Firefighters also confirmed no other businesses in the area were experiencing any problems as a result of the fire. Edison arrived on scene at approximately 12:40 to manage the incident.

### **Hydrogen Fueling Meeting**



On Wednesday, November 17, members of the Newport Beach Fire Department met with a group of Japanese engineers, and an interpreter, representing The High Pressure Gas Safety Institute of Japan (KHK). Also attending the meeting were members of the California Fuel Cell Partnership and an engineer from Shell Oil Products US. The meeting was coordinated by the engineers from Japan, who were interested in learning more about the California Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requirements for hydrogen fueling stations.

Shell Oil Products attended the meeting to discuss their nearly completed hydrogen fueling station located on Jamboree Rd and their coordination with us during the planning and construction process. The hydrogen fueling industry, along with hydrogen fueled automobile manufacturers such as Mercedes Benz, General Motors, Toyota, and Honda, are very excited to have a new fueling station in our City. So far, only 26 hydrogen fueling stations have been built in the state, with the majority being built in Southern California.

Due to the ongoing advancements of hydrogen technology, the plan check approval and inspections by the fire department made for a very challenging and unique process in keeping with current codes and standards.

### **2011-2012 Winter Weather Outlook**

Several city staff members had the opportunity to attend the 2011-2012 Winter Weather Workshop offered by the National Weather Service (NWS). Here is what we can expect for the upcoming winter season:

#### **Temperatures**

- Cooler than normal, especially low temperatures near the coast
- Increased chances of frost or freeze in December through February

#### **Precipitations**

- Long stretches of dry and mild weather
- Dry Spring, February-March
- Low snow levels
- A few significant precipitation events (heavy rain and snow)
- Rainfall most likely in December to mid-January and April
- Seasonal precipitation below normal

### **Newport Elementary School Gates**

On a recent fire inspection, one of our Fire Captains determined the gates at Newport Elementary were not compliant with fire codes and in the case of an evacuation, the students could be locked in and not able to quickly evacuate. The Fire Prevention Division addressed the situation with the School District, worked on a plan to ensure the students safety, and new gates were recently installed.



Completion of the school gates at Newport Elementary School is a good example of cooperation between Fire Prevention and the NMUSD. The new gates provide panic hardware for safe exiting, while still providing security for the students and staff.



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# NEWPORT BEACH

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: November 18, 2011  
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, Director of Human Resources  
SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

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### IRS ANNOUNCES 2012 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN LIMITS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently announced the 2012 contribution limits for deferred compensation plans. The elective contribution limit for the 457(b) plan will increase from \$16,500 to \$17,000; however, the catch-up contribution for those over 50 at the end of the plan year will remain at \$5,500.

For more information on the City's plan, please contact a Human Resources staff member at 949-644-3256.

### CITY HALL AND OFF-SITE FACILITIES CLOSURE DECEMBER 26, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2012

City Hall is closing for the Holidays beginning Monday, December 26, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012. Instead of observing a half-day holiday on December 23, City Hall will remain open the entire day. The half-day paid holiday originally scheduled for December 23, will be added to the half-day holiday of December 30 to make for one full paid holiday. If you have any questions about the closure please refer to the list of common questions and answers, (Q & A) posted on the City's Intranet or contact Human Resources at 949-644-3256.

*If you would like to request information or an article on any Human Resources topic, please contact HR Office Assistant Kelsey Nash at [knash@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:knash@newportbeachca.gov).*





## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Library – Cultural Arts



November 18, 2011

**To:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**From:** Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

**Subject:** City Manager's Newsletter

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#### Library Services

##### **Central Construction Update**

Demolition of the main staircase in the Central Library will begin November 27. The work will be done “behind the wall” and at night to minimize the disruption for our customers and staff. The architects and builders have been asked to preserve as much of the marble and slate material used in the stairway construction as possible, to be used, hopefully, for a new work of art for the new library expansion or City Hall.



Staff is monitoring traffic and usage patterns in our newly reorganized space so that we can determine the best arrangement of materials and furnishings in our future plans.

##### **eBooks Made Easy**

Over 60 customers carrying their iPads, Nook Readers, Sony eReaders and Kindles attended the first session of **eBooks Made Easy**, a hands-on training session for eBook readers. Allen Kesinger, Mara Cota and Rebecca Lightfoot presented information on the library's online collection of free eBooks and showed customers how to download them to their devices. Needless to say, there is lots of interest in the new technology and we expect it to increase with the holidays. Additional sessions are scheduled for Tuesday, November 22; Wednesday, December 14; Tuesday, December 20; Wednesday, January 4; and Wednesday, January 11.



##### **Superheroes at the Library**

Spiderman, Batman, Superwoman and superheroes of all sorts descended on the Friends Room Tuesday afternoon for a super craft event. Children's librarians Evelyn Rogers and Mona Kobersy read stories, painted faces and helped them with cape and wrist band designs which were a big hit!

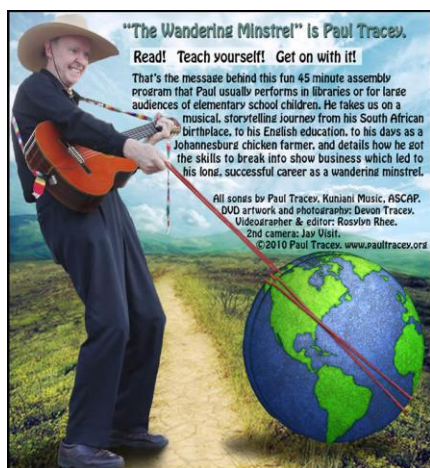




## **Cultural Arts Services**

### **Cultural Arts Office**

During the week of November 13, staff will oversee two weekend musical performances at Central Library. Additionally, staff will coordinate the Cultural Arts Grants checks and correspondence; as well as the preparation of Arts Commission Chair, Robyn Grant's 'state of the arts' report for City Council on Tuesday, November 22. Also, we will begin to finalize the calendar of events for the "Searching for Democracy" grant received for the library, as well as attending meetings on special event insurance and the 'City Hall Welcoming Committee.'



### **"I Found It in a Book" Library Program**

Formerly *The International Music Man*, musician and storyteller Paul Tracey will perform for a Central Library Youth Concert this Saturday, November 19 at 11am. Paul uses his collection of kalimbas, string figures, and famous "Chicken Song" (as seen on Johnny Carson's *Tonight Show*) to tell his stories, and to encourage students to read and to be self-motivated in teaching themselves life skills. Paul traces his own career as a modern day wandering minstrel giving credit to books as the source for many of his communication skills.

A delightful African story about a python who was a doctor is included and the program ends with some universally

appealing string figures. According to Music Center reviews, "the strength of *The Wandering Minstrel* lies in the man himself. Paul's love for what he does is genuine. His interest in exposing children to other cultures is evident throughout the program. He uses his personal history as the basis for his performance, tracing his journeys from Africa to England and America. He talks about his family and his children, sharing his experiences in a friendly and amusing fashion."

### **Kara Masek, Singer & Tom Vendrafreddo, Singer/ Pianist – Library Program**

Kara Masek and Tom Vendrafreddo bring you "A Girl, A Guy and a Piano", an incredibly exciting program featuring the music made popular on Broadway from 1900 to the 1950's on Sunday, November 20, from 3 to 4 PM. With famous duets like Cole Porter's "You're the Top" and old standards such as George M. Cohan's "Give My Regards to Broadway," this show will have you tappin' your toes and singin' along in no time! The program will feature classic George and Ira Gershwin tunes as well as songs written by Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, and many more!

### **Arts Commission to Provide Presentation at City Council on November 22**

During 'Presentations' at the next City Council meeting, Arts Commission Chairwoman will present Cultural Arts Grants checks to the 2011/12 recipients. This year's recipients include: ExplorOcean/Newport Harbor Nautical Museum, Baroque Music Festival, South Coast Repertory Theater, Southland Opera, Festival Ballet Theatre, Newport Beach Film Festival, Newport/Mesa YMCA and Keith Glassman Dance and Performance. Each grant recipient's organization is coordinating arts and cultural programs for the Newport Beach community.

Additionally, Commissioner Grant will be presenting a brief "state of the arts" report, highlighting all of the programs and events that the Arts Commission has been involved with in 2010 and 2011.



## MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

November 18, 2011

**TO:** Dave Kiff, City Manager

**FROM:** Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

**SUBJECT:** **City Manager's Newsletter**

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### **Bronze Statue Vandalized**

On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Department staff received a call from Police Dispatch asking for assistance in removing the damaged Ronald Reagan statue. During the early morning hours, culprits hooked a chain around the neck of the statue and tried to pull it off its concrete base with a truck or SUV.



When MOD team members Frank Parnass and Conrad "Quink" Tona arrived on-site, they found the statue base bent and the anchor bolts broken. This caused the statue to lean at a 45 degree angle. Due to safety concerns, the statue was removed immediately. A backhoe, heavy duty lifting straps and cutting tools were brought in to safely remove the damaged statue, which was taken to the Corporation Yard for storage. Frank and Quink did an awesome job carefully removing the statue.

Public Works Construction Inspection Supervisor Marcus Puglisi is currently working with Legacy Foundry on getting the statue delivered back to the foundry so that the original craftsman can get started on the necessary repairs.

### **Wind Fencing Installed**

In preparation for the possibility of strong winds this winter season, the Beach Maintenance crew installed wind fencing adjacent to the Newport Pier municipal parking lot, oceanfront street ends west of the Newport Pier, and at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and West Bay Avenue. The fencing prevents wind-blown sand from overwhelming oceanfront parking lots, bike trails, walkways, and street ends.



### **Fourth Avenue Parkway Renovations**

In the past few weeks, City staff and contract workers have renovated and repaired the parkways, and curb and gutter along Fourth Avenue in Corona del Mar following the recent removal of the Blue Gum Eucalyptus trees. The work performed consisted of sod and ground cover replacement along with irrigation and concrete repairs. Renovation work began November 1<sup>st</sup>, and was completed on November 16<sup>th</sup>.



### **Fashion Island Water Meters**



The Utilities Division currently has a 5-year plan to upgrade all commercial meters to Automated Meter Read (AMR). The Customer Service and Maintenance & Repair crews recently completed upgrading all of the meters in the Fashion Island shopping center, which consisted of 74 meters ranging in size from 5/8" to 8". The 8" meter at Neiman Marcus is the largest domestic/fire meter in the city.

The AMR meters are read with the use of a truck-mounted antenna and laptop system, which allows staff to collect water usage data for a 2-month period. The AMR meters will also contain information about potential leaks and backflows from that meter.

### **Donated Dwarf Coconut Palms**

Recently, the Parks Maintenance Crew planted two donated Malayan Dwarf Coconut Palms at Lido Park. City resident Marlynne Stoddard purchased the palms in 2009 from a vendor on the big island of Hawaii and raised them. A location was selected in the Park where they will receive sufficient sun and protection from the wind. If successful, the slow growing trees should grow to a height of approximately 30' and fruit in about three years. The Malayan Dwarf Coconut does not drop its fruit when ripe like most other Coconuts – it sprouts while still in the tree, which is good news for folks walking beneath the trees.

The two trees are a welcome donation and will compliment the other palms that are throughout the park.





## NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

November 18, 2011

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager  
FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: Newsletter

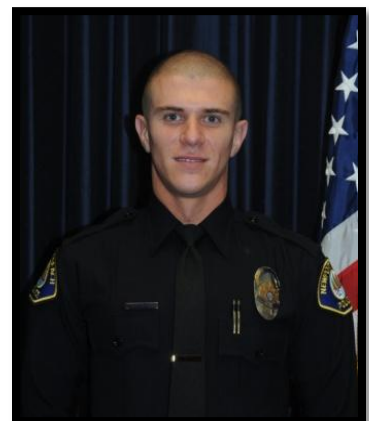
### New Employees

Please join me in welcoming two new members to the Police Department, Police Officers Robert Bennett and Andrei Bratiloveanu.



Robert Bennett was born in San Pedro, California and attended Torrance High School. Shortly after high school, Bob joined the United States Navy where he served as a Navy SEAL for 10 years. In July 1999, Bob was hired as a Police Officer with the City of Chula Vista. During his seven plus years as a Chula Vista Police Officer, Bob's assignments included the Patrol Division, a member of the Narcotic Enforcement Team, an operator on the SWAT Team, and a Field Training Officer. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.

Andrei Bratiloveanu was born in Bucharest, Romania in 1988 and attended Sunny Hills High School in Fullerton, graduating in 2007. After high school, Andrei attended California State University, Fullerton, where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Administration. While attending college, Andrei was hired by the Anaheim Police Department as a Police Cadet. During his time with the Anaheim Police Department, he worked in a variety of assignments, including the Sexual Assault Detail, Emergency Management Bureau, and the Detention Facility. Andrei graduated from the Fullerton College Police Academy on November 5. He will be assigned to the Patrol Division with a Field Training Officer.



### **Dog Licensing Clinic Held**



*Senior Animal Control Officer  
Valerie Schomburg*

Newport Beach Animal Control Officers conducted a free dog licensing clinic from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, November 5 at the Police Department. In addition to licensing 38 dogs, 21 rabies shots were administered, 16 animals had microchips inserted, and one dog was adopted. Due to the success of this event, Animal Control Officers plan to host a similar event in future.

### **Notable Arrest**



On Saturday, November 5, 2011, Police Detectives served a search warrant in the 1000 block of Valencia Street in Costa Mesa. The warrant service resulted from an investigation alleging that stolen property was being sold to a "fence" at the location and subsequently sold at the Orange Coast College Swap Meet. During the warrant service, Detectives recovered a variety of electronic devices that were believed to have been taken from vehicle and residential burglaries in the cities of Costa Mesa and Newport Beach. The recovered items included 162 cellular phones, 33 laptop computers, 82 iPods and 33 GPS devices.

Detective Sergeant Evan Sailor and Burglary Detectives Josh Comte, Brad Miller, Tracy McKenzie, and Brandon Rodriguez are commended for their investigative efforts and dedication to duty, which resulted in the arrest of four individuals and the recovery of thousands of dollars of stolen property.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## City Manager's Newsletter

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To: David A. Kiff, City Manager  
From: Stephen G. Badum, Public Works Director  
Date: November 18, 2011

### **Lower Buck Gully Progress Update**

The Lower Buck Gully Channel Restoration Project is a stream and canyon restoration project that will install three stepped gabion control structures, two subsurface flow wetlands, and five bendway weir structures to control sediment erosion. It has been a little over a month since construction mobilization and we are approximately 20 percent complete – the first gabion drop structure and bendway weir structure have been completed. We recently encountered rain activity and these new structures have already proven they function. Substantial project completion is expected in March 2012. Vegetation and habitat monitoring will follow thereafter.

Frank Martin is the Senior Public Works Inspector monitoring construction progress and quality.





## **Central Balboa Pavement Rehabilitation Update**

The Central Balboa Pavement Rehabilitation project involves the replacement of three concrete streets; Island Avenue, Medina Way, and Cypress Street. In addition to replacing pavement, improvements have been made to address deteriorated portions of sidewalk, curb, gutter, and driveway approaches. The project also included upgrading access ramps; reconstructing catch basins; and installing street trees.

Medina Way, pictured below, had very poor drainage. Following construction and recent rains, the street now drains well. Because of the low bid pricing, additional locations were added to the contract. Project completion is expected in December 2011.

Special thanks to Mike St. Clair (Senior Public Works Inspector), Dan Sereno (Parks and Trees Superintendent, Iris Lee (Senior Civil Engineer) in providing another quality project.



Before



After

## **West Coast Highway-Lane Closures**

The Orange County Sanitation District is completing the final step of its Rocky Point Pump Station project located along West Coast Highway between Tustin Avenue and the Balboa Bay Club entrance. The work requires 24 hour traffic lane closures as follows:

- November 15-18 - traffic reduced to one eastbound lane and two westbound lanes
- November 21-25 - no work / no lane closures for Thanksgiving holiday
- November 28 to December 2 - traffic reduced to two eastbound lanes and one westbound lane

Alternate travel routes are highly recommended to avoid delays. Street parking and left-hand turns may be restricted at times, but sidewalks will remain open. Vehicles, please share the road with bicyclist.

For more information, visit the OCSD website at [www.ocsd.com](http://www.ocsd.com) or call the construction hotline at 714-378-2965.



**To: Dave Kiff, City Manager**

**From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director**

**Date: November 18, 2011**

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### **RESTORING MARINE RESOURCES**

The Recreation & Senior Services Department is proud to announce the inception of its new MPA Watch Program, which began November 1, 2011. This program supports the implementation of the new Crystal Cove and Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Areas (SMCAs) created by the State Department of Fish and Game (DFG) throughout California. The MPA Watch Program utilizes community volunteers along with the City's Marine Naturalists to observe and document human uses in the SMCAs, from surfing and kayaking to tide pool exploring and fishing. The information collected will be used to assist the city and the DFG in protecting ecosystems in the SMCAs by identifying sites where additional resources such as signs or docent educators may be needed. As part of a countywide MPA Watch Program, this effort is carried out in partnership with Orange County Coastkeeper.

On October 19, the California Fish and Game Commission selected January 1, 2012 as the implementation date for newly created Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Southern California. This includes seven MPAs in Orange County, two of which are in Newport Beach, the Upper Newport Bay and Crystal Cove SMCAs. The creation of these two MPAs ensures much needed ecosystem protection for one of the largest estuaries in Southern California and complete tide pool protection for the Newport Beach coast. The MPAs were created as part of a statewide effort to protect and restore marine ecosystems that have suffered declines due to a number of factors including overfishing, water pollution, and overdevelopment.

The City is doing our part to protect and restore our important marine resources by working to assist the DFG in implementing the new MPAs. The city will do this through both its existing tide pool education program and additional public outreach on the new MPAs, focusing on their location and regulations.

For more information please contact Michelle Clemente at [949-644-3036](tel:949-644-3036) or [MClemente@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:MClemente@newportbeachca.gov).

### **SCMAF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, Recreation Leader Ethan Machado was awarded with the prestigious Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) Student Scholarship Award at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum in the City of Torrance.

The award is presented annually at the SCMAF Awards and Installation Banquet. Ethan attends CSU, Long Beach, majoring in Recreation & Leisure Studies. Ethan would like to become a City Recreation Sports Supervisor after graduating. Ethan coaches Youth Flag Football in the City's Youth Sports program and works at Active Kids after school program. In addition, Ethan is a participant in SCMAF Men's softball tournaments.



**SCMAF Master of Ceremonies & Rec Supvr Scott Williamson & Asst Rec Coord Tu Phan with Ethan Machado (center).**

SCMAF Student scholarships are awarded to those pursuing their degree in Recreation or a related field. The SCMAF scholarships are provided in conjunction with the Latino Basketball Association Guerrero Family Scholarship fund and the generous donations of SCMAF members.



### **PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

As part of the ongoing maintenance program the swing buckets, chains and brackets were replaced at West Newport Park at the Orange Street playground.

Additionally, sand was added at the Newport Shores park playground, special thanks to the Parks Division for their assistance with delivery of the sand!

### **OASIS HAPPENINGS**

**Promotion** — Justin Schmillen, OASIS Assistant Coordinator was promoted to the full-time position as the OASIS Fitness Center Coordinator. Justin has been on staff since the re-opening, he comes from San Luis Obispo with a BA and MA in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Management. Justin has demonstrated professionalism and great capability in his prior position and we are pleased to welcome him aboard.

**Holidays** — With the holidays upon us, OASIS has begun its' charitable activities to help those less fortunate in the community. A food drive has begun for SOS, the holiday meal drive, sponsored by the Friends will be taken to Camp Pendleton for the 1/1 troops families, and knitted lap robes will be distributed to our members who live in nursing facilities along with baskets delivered to some members who are alone during the holidays. All of these activities are made possible by donations from the community and our Center members and coordinated by Social Services Coordinator Vicki Chin.

**Medicare** — Many participants have been receiving Medicare information help from HICAP counselor Robin Boyd. It is open enrollment time for Medicare so there are many questions to be answered. HICAP, the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, has trained volunteers to help people negotiate through the very confusing options for Medicare recipients. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, eight counselors were in the computer lab assisting people with choosing the right prescription drug plan.

**Thanksgiving Luncheon** — The Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held November 23 at noon with a traditional turkey dinner and live music.





## KUDOS

We received the following email from Dennis Bress about Contract Instructor Alignment for Life – Stephanie Perez and her morning Yoga Stretch class.

Hi Laura, this is Dennis Bress from Balboa Island :-) Hope you are well.

I met you when we did the re opening of the Beek Center on Balboa Island. That was a great event. :-)

Just wanted to say "Thank you" and to let you know we are really enjoying the Monday 7:30am morning Yoga class by instructor Stephanie.

She is the best! Really knows her stuff and the class is awesome. I had a back issue and now feel so much better.

Any ways, thanks and keep up the good work.



Best,  
Dennis Bress

## Quote of the Day

*What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters  
compared to what lies within us.*

*...Ralph Waldo Emerson*

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thanksgiving Luncheon	11/23	noon	Marci Byers	644-3244	OASIS
Winter Registration Begins	12/1	8am	Raquel Valdez	644-3151	Online & Cmty Ctrs
Winter Break Camps	12/19-12/23	7am-6pm	Jon Harmon	644-3151	CYC
Holiday Break Closure	12/24/11 -1/2/12	all day		644-3151	City Hall/Cmty Ctrs
Tournament of Roses Excursion	01/02/12	5:45am	OASIS Parking Lot	718-1810	Friends of OASIS



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